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OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

THE 57th Anniversary of the Unitarian Society, including the Northern Sunday School Association, was celebrated on Easter Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The sermons were preached by the Rev. Silas Farrington, of Manchester, at Rosemary Street, Belfast, on Sunday morning and evening, and at Moneyrea on Sunday afternoon. Collections on behalf of the Funds of the Society were made after each service. Mr. Farrington's subjects in Belfast were, "Awake, thou that sleepest;" and "Resisting the Devil;" and at Moneyrea, "The place of Jesus in History." All the discourses were of a high order, and were listened to with great attention.

THE ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST.

ON Monday morning, at half-past nine o'clock, a Public Breakfast was given in the Lombard Hall, Lombard Street. There was a large attendance of members and friends. Amongst those present were—Rev. T. Dunkerley, B.A.; Rev. J. C. Street, Rev. W. Reynolds, B.A.; Rev. A. H. Shelley, Rev. S. Farrington, Manchester; Rev. F. Freeston, Messrs. T. M'Clelland, J.P.; J. R. Neill, S. Millin, J. Ritchie, J. Ritchie, jun.; J. Worth, J. Roche, J. Barker, Dr. M'Caw, &c.

After breakfast,

The chair was taken by the Rev. T. DUNKERLEY, of Comber, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside at that the 57th Anniversary of the Association, and gave an account of a recent visit he had paid to a great Sunday School gatherings in Manchester, where he met with a cordial reception. He therefore, upon his own part, offered a most cordial welcome to the deputation sent there that day. The Chairman then went on to refer to the working of the Sunday Schools, and said that the teachers were not of the same stamp as they were thirty years ago, when men of character who had made princely fortunes devoted their Sundays to school work; when men of culture, men of ability in various branches, found a sweet pleasure in devoting themselves to this work, in which they could use superior powers, and the results were marked. But a change had come over this state of things, and now they were obliged to put up with a younger and less experienced class of teachers. He knew that was the case in Comber, and he believed it was also the case in that town. It was deeply to be deplored that the elder men and women of culture and refinement did not come into personal contact with the poorer children, and exercise on them what must be a beneficial influence and what would tend to bridge the gulf between the rich and poor, the richer classes and the poorer classes. They were told on Friday that there were 400,000 Sunday School teachers in Great Britain, and when he was listening to that statement it occurred to him what services might be rendered by these 400,000 teachers if they applied themselves systematically to the work, and if they would all co-operate with each other. It was true that many of these were not men of culture or men of means, but they were men who devoted themselves to high things, seeking to benefit their fellow-men. They might ask what was the result of these labours. Well, the result might not

be very obvious, but for his part, after what he had heard on Friday, he would return to the work with renewed enthusiasm. That meeting was not held principally for discussing Sunday School matters; but the Schools belonged to their Society, and they met that day representatives of kindred societies from the other side of the Channel, and they gave them a hearty welcome. They wanted to feel a connection between themselves and their friends on the other side of the Channel, a connection that would fit them to continue on the path they had chosen; and he trusted it would strengthen them to bear the burden of duty. He would not detain them any longer, but would call upon the Rev. Mr. Street to move the first resolution.

The Rev. Mr. Street said that the resolution that was put into his hands was as follows:—"That our cordial thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Silas Farrington, of Manchester, for his services yesterday at Belfast and Moneyrea."

Dr. Hyndman, in seconding the motion, said that he had listened with much pleasure to the addresses given by Mr. Farrington the previous day, and he was quite sure that a great deal of good would result from them.

Mr. S. Millin supported the resolution, which was unanimously passed.

The Rev. Mr. Farrington, in reply, thanked those present for the manner in which they had received the motion. He enjoyed his sermons much more that morning than he did the previous day. They had arisen again in a great glorified form, and it was almost sufficient to make a man satisfied with his profession if he could do such wonderful things. He had very great pleasure in accepting the invitation to come and preach to that Society, as he had long desired to come to Belfast.

Mr. J. F. Mulligan said he had been asked to move the second resolution, which was as follows:—"That we offer a cordial welcome to the various representatives who are with us at this Anniversary, and through them we send warm greetings to the important organizations represented by them."

Mr. M'Calmont seconded the motion. He cordially approved of it, and he was sure it

would be cordially passed by that meeting. He seconded the resolution with all the more pleasure because he saw before him representatives not only from England but also from the other side of the world—from the United States of America.

The Rev. Mr. Shelley and the Rev. Mr. Reynolds supported the resolution.

The Rev. Mr. Freeston, one of the deputies, briefly and happily replied.

Mr. Thomas M'Clelland, J.P., was moved to the second chair.

Mr. Worth moved—"That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Thos. Dunkerley for his conduct in the chair to-day, as well as for his useful services in the Unitarian Society and Sunday School Association."

Mr. Roche seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Dunkerley having replied,

The proceedings terminated, Mr. Street pronouncing a benediction.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

On Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, the Annual Meeting was held in the Church of the Second Congregation, Rosemary Street. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being—Rev. J. C. Street, Rev. A. H. Shelley, Rev. J. Cooper, Rev. G. W. Bannister, Rev. A. Lazenby, Rev. S. Farrington, Rev. W. Reynolds, Rev. T. Freeston; Messrs. R. M'Calmont, F.C.S.; J. M'Giffin, J. Montgomery, J. Jackson, D. Bulmer, J. Kinnear, H. J. Fisher, J. F. Mulligan, W. Moore, J. Greenfield; Dr. Hyndman; G. Fisher, J. Shone, J. Ritchie, jun.; J. Worth, J. W. Kinnear, J. Erskine, W. J. Sloane, J. Anderson, W. W. Drummond, &c.

On the motion of the Rev. J. C. Street, the chair was taken by Mr. J. R. Neill, President of the Society.

The Chairman said he felt unworthy to be their chairman that night as President of the Association. He regretted very much that ill-health had prevented him taking the same active interest in the matters relating to the Association that he would liked to have done.

He had been connected with that church for a great number of years, and he was very much pleased at the position they occupied. He would not detain them, but call upon Mr. Bannister to read the Annual Report.

Rev. Mr. Bannister (hon. secretary) read the Annual Report, as follows:—"At the close of the fifty-seventh year of the existence of the Unitarian Society, your Committee beg to present their Report. More than usually important matters have this year come up for consideration, and the members of your Committee have shown a lively interest in their settlement, and given to them their best thought and attention. At the first meeting of the General Committee, Mr. J. R. Neill was unanimously appointed President for the year, and Sir E. P. Cowan, Dr. Burden, Dr. Hyndman, Dr. Nelson, Messrs. W. Bennett, H. Darbishire, S. C. Nelson, W. G. Mulligan, John Ritchie, and W. Robertson were nominated as vice-presidents. A suitable Sunday School Committee was also appointed. The grave question as to whether the Depository should be continued or not was brought up for consideration. The consideration of this matter was urged on three grounds—First, the financial, for, though the sales had somewhat diminished, the whole work had increased since the division of the Society, yet the expenditure exceeded the income; second, there was not now the same need for the Depository, as the books can be had from any ordinary booksellers; third, there might be another form of agency which would more effectually spread our principles. This question has engaged the earnest attention of your Committee at its various meetings throughout the year. A sub-committee was appointed to obtain information and to negotiate with a view of getting some bookseller in the town to undertake this part of our work, and its efforts were attended with such success that your Committee felt at liberty to give notice to leave the premises in Queen's Arcade in the month of May next. At the last annual meeting of the Society, Rev. R. A. Armstrong and Mr. Joseph Preston, of London, both strongly urged the desirability of a union of the two

Belfast Unitarian Societies, and the latter gentleman intimated his intention of bringing the matter before the Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association in order that an attempt at mediation might be made. Accordingly, in the month of May, a communication was received by your Secretary from the President and Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, offering to send a deputation to confer with the representatives of the two societies on such matters as might be conducive to the reunion. Your Committee replied that this communication had given them much pleasure, and they would gladly send representatives to attend such a meeting. To the regret of your Committee another communication was received in the month of August from the Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association intimating that their kindly intentions had not met with the response they hoped for from the Ulster Society, and so the effort came to nothing. The Sunday Committee arranged to hold their Anniversary Conference at Comber on Easter Monday. There was a good attendance of friends and delegates. A religious service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Street and Rev. G. W. Tarrant, B.A., the delegate from the Sunday School Association, the latter preaching an admirable sermon on the occasion. Rev. R. A. Armstrong spoke upon the 'Relation of the Sunday School to the congregation' in his usually able manner. He was followed by Mr. Heys, the President of the Manchester Sunday School Association, who gave a suggestive address on 'The condition of the Sunday School work in England.' Rev. G. W. Tarrant, Mr. Graham (from the Scottish Association), Mr. James Darbishire, Rev. A. H. Shelley, and Mr. Joseph Preston made also valuable contributions to the Conference. Revs. J. C. Street, and T. Dunkerley represented the Committee at the annual meeting of the Sunday School Association in London on June last. In conclusion, your Committee rejoice to say that, though the thought and energy of your Committee have been largely taken up in preparing the way for important changes to be introduced into one department of the operations of the

Society, yet the Society's work, as a whole, has been carried on as earnestly and successfully as in former years; while it is confidently hoped that in the course of the coming year other new and effective methods of activity will be opened up and entered on by your Society which will still further extend the sphere of

its usefulness in clearing away prejudice and superstition from the minds of men, and so opening up the way for the wider spread of an unfettered and liberal Christianity.

The Treasurer (Rev. J. C. Street), read his report as follows:—

Dr. The Treasurer in Account with the Unitarian Society to December 31st, 1887.										Cr.
To Balance,	£49	17	11½							
„ Subscriptions—										
Belfast,	27	1	6							
Ballee,	0	5	0							
Comber,	1	15	0							
Carrickfergus,	0	15	0							
Rademon,	0	2	6							
Dromore,	0	12	6							
Downpatrick,	0	12	6							
Templepatrick,	0	5	0							
„ Congregational Collections—										
Belfast,	£35	17	1							
Moneyrea,	3	2	6							
				38	19	7				
„ Chronicle and Index—										
Donations,	44	7	3							
Advertisements,	8	12	6							
				52	19	9				
„ Breakfast,				4	10	0				
„ Discount,				0	7	8				
„ Sales,				157	1	6				
				£335	5	5½				
Balance,	£51	12	3							
										£335 5 5½

The Rev. Mr. Shelley said that he had been requested to propose a resolution—that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as read, be adopted, and printed and circulated amongst the members. He thought the report that they had just heard read was one that spoke for itself, and did not require any words from him to commend it to the meeting. There were, however, one or two important matters mentioned in the Report, and the most important one was that which referred to the proposed changes. He was sure the Committee had not come to a hasty determination in these matters. He had much pleasure in moving the resolution which had been placed in his hands.

Mr. J. F. Mulligan seconded the motion, which was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Bannister proposed the following resolution:—"That we approve of the step recommended by the Committee, viz., that the Depository be closed, and that the Committee should provide for their subscribers such religious literature as they may want which

cannot be obtained elsewhere; and that the great work of the Society should be (1st) to circulate their denominational organs; (2nd) to publish and distribute leaflets and other literary matter which shall promote enlightenment and spiritual religion; and (3rd) to encourage missionary and Sunday School work wherever practicable." The resolution spoke for itself, and hardly needed a speech to be made about it. From the report they had been told that during the past year the Committee had been considering a change or alteration in their Society, which they recommended, and it was a matter which had engaged their thoughtful and earnest attention. The members of their Committee had discussed the matter in all its aspects, and they, in their wisdom, had come to the conclusion that the steps referred to should be taken. Of course it would be competent for any one at the Annual Meeting to take exception to these steps, and to discuss the wisdom of them, and they should be very glad to hear them. The first question was

whether the Depository should be closed. They gave their reasons for recommending that step as financial ones. They had expended a large amount upon the Depository for which they did not feel that they had got an adequate return, and they felt that the same work might be done by other and less expensive means. They rejoiced, of course, at the work which their brethren of the other Society were carrying on, and they distributed amongst the people of Belfast a large number of works which they had in their Depository. In his opinion it was infinitely more desirable to spend their money and energies in other directions, and the first was to circulate their denominational organs, to publish and distribute leaflets and other literary matter, and to carry out missionary and Sunday School work. He could not help saying that since he knew the Society he had the feeling that they should be more practical. They had carried on that Depository; but what other work had they done? They had had their Annual Meeting there, a great deal of talk of the liberty of thought, and one thing and another, but they had done very little active work. If the programme that was placed before them was carried out he thought there would be a new, better, and more useful era for the Society in the time to come.

The Rev. Mr. Street seconded the motion.

Dr. Hyndman asked how the Committee proposed to carry out the terms of the resolution. He thought they should have an explanation on these matters before they were asked to pass the resolution.

Mr. Mulligan said that, while he regretted the proposed change, he failed to see how it was possible for them to continue the Depository. They were making no profits out of the sales of books, &c., and the amount of the contributions was at the same time diminishing, and it was a matter of necessity that they should cease keeping the Depository. He would be very glad indeed if any of those present could give them any idea or offer any suggestion by which they might be able to carry on successfully the Depository, but he was very much afraid that they would not be able to do so.

After some further discussion,

The Chairman put the motion, and declared it carried.

Mr. Kinnear moved—"That the following be the officers and committee for the ensuing year:—Mr. John Ritchie, treasurer; Revs. J. C. Street, and T. Dunkerley, hon. secretaries. Committee—Revs. G. Bannister, J. A. Kelly, A. Shelley, J. H. Bibby, and Messrs. W. A. Adamson, D. Bulmer, J. R. Neill, R. M'Callmont, J. F. Mulligan, T. M'Clelland, J.P.; G. Fisher, John Bennett, D. M'Master, J. Greenfield, Dr. Polly, and Dr. M'Caw."

Dr. Hyndman, in seconding the resolution, said they were all confident that the officers and committee would carry out the work of the Society in such a manner that the result at the end of the year would be very satisfactory.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Dunkerley proposed:—"That we earnestly appeal to the friends of free religion to support this Society with enlarged liberality." He asked them to help that Society to make a new move, as they had heard that their old strength had dwindled for want of the sinews of war. They wanted to make a new movement, which promised, they were told by those who had looked into the matter, to be very useful. That object had been accomplished, but they all knew that no work could be carried on without the necessary funds, and so that resolution appealed to all men of free thought and religion, and he thought that all men who appreciated those views and valued them should make some sacrifice for them. By doing that they would be serving a double purpose, not only in benefitting their Society, but by asking them to support it, it would also urge them to take a greater interest in its welfare.

Mr. Worth seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds moved—"That we cordially welcome the Rev. Silas Farrington, Manchester; Rev. F. Freeston, Bowdon; Rev. A. Lazenby, of Glasgow; and through them we send a greeting to our friends in England and Scotland." He said that he considered that resolution was the most amiable one that could have been proposed that evening, and he was

sure it would commend itself to every lady and gentleman present at that meeting. The coming there of those representatives was the means of bringing all Unitarians together, and of strengthening the union between them.

Mr. M'Calmont seconded the motion, which was passed by acclamation.

Rev. Mr. Farrington, in replying, referred to the remarks expressed by Rev. Mr. Street the previous morning. Mr. Street, he thought, had taken him up wrong in the observations he had expressed in reference to the sleepiness which affected Churches at the present day. He (the speaker) had not pointed particularly at the Unitarian Church, as he considered that every Church at the present time was affected with a kind of torpor. The number of Unitarians at the present day was even more than ever it was, and, even though they complained about seeing no visible result of their work, yet they had the consolation that they were doing something to improve the condition of mankind.

Rev. Mr. Freeston said that their Report contained a reference to their giving up the Depository in connection with the Church, and he thought that if they gave that up they should adopt other ways of spreading the books and tracts on Unitarian principles, as he knew the good effect produced by them.

The Rev. Mr. Lazenby also briefly addressed the meeting.

Mr. Fisher having been moved to the second chair, a vote of thanks was passed to the President, Mr. Neill, for his long and faithful services to the Unitarian Society of Belfast, and for his conduct in the chair that night.

Mr. Neill having replied,

The proceedings terminated.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1887 RECEIVED BY TREASURER.

Miss Aston,	Belfast,	..	£0	2	6
D. Bulmer,	"	..	0	5	0
Mrs. D. Bulmer,	"	..	0	5	0
Mrs. Barry,	"	..	0	2	6
H. Burden, M.D.,	"	..	0	10	0
Sir E. P. Cowan, Lord Lieut. of Antrim,	..	2	10	0	
James Campbell,	Belfast,	..	0	10	0
James Carr,	"	..	0	10	0
Miss Coe,	"	..	0	2	6
A. M. Carlisle,	"	..	0	2	6

N. A. Campbell,	Belfast,	..	£0	2	6
Miss Dobbin,	"	..	0	10	0
H. Darbishire,	"	..	0	10	0
F. E. Dale,	"	..	0	10	0
W. W. Drummond,	"	..	0	5	0
R. G. Dunville, D.L.,	"	..	0	10	0
J. R. Erskine,	"	..	0	5	0
George Fisher,	"	..	0	5	0
Miss Fisher,	"	..	0	2	6
H. J. Fisher,	"	..	0	2	6
R. W. Gordon, J.P.,	"	..	0	5	0
John Greenfield,	"	..	0	5	0
Hugh Hyndman, LL.D.,	"	..	0	10	0
Mrs. Hyndman,	"	..	0	10	0
Thomas Henderson,	"	..	0	2	6
Alexander King,	"	..	0	5	0
R. M. Kennedy,	"	..	0	10	0
J. W. Kinnear,	"	..	0	5	0
James Kinnear,	"	..	0	2	6
J. Lenaghan,	"	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Lipsey,	"	..	0	5	0
J. F. Mulligan,	"	..	0	5	0
R. Murray,	"	..	0	5	0
F. Manderson,	"	..	0	2	6
Miss Martin,	"	..	0	2	6
Miss May,	"	..	0	2	6
James Moore,	"	..	0	10	0
A. Milligan,	"	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Millin,	"	..	0	2	6
Adam Millin,	"	..	0	2	6
Sam. Millin,	"	..	0	2	6
John Montgomery,	"	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Malcolmson,	"	..	0	10	0
William Moore,	"	..	0	2	6
Miss Miniss,	"	..	0	2	6
J. L. Marshall,	"	..	0	5	0
John M'Giffen	"	..	0	5	0
J. M'William,	"	..	0	2	6
Thomas M'Clelland, J.P.,	"	..	0	10	0
Robert M'Calmont, F.C.S.,	"	..	0	5	0
Mrs. M'Calmont,	"	..	0	2	6
William M'Calmont,	"	..	0	2	6
H. J. M'Cance, J.P.,	"	..	0	10	0
George M'Auliffe, J.P.,	"	..	1	0	0
John M'Connell, J.P.,	"	..	0	2	6
Dr. M'Caw,	"	..	0	2	6
T. E. Osborne,	"	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Nelson,	"	..	0	10	0
John R. Neill,	"	..	0	10	0
Dr. Nelson,	"	..	0	10	0
W. Palfreyman,	"	..	0	5	0
Miss Prenter,	"	..	0	2	6
E. F. Patterson,	"	..	0	2	6
W. J. Pirrie,	"	..	0	10	0
Dr. Polly,	"	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Rice,	"	..	0	2	6
Samuel Riddell,	"	..	0	10	0
John Ritchie,	"	..	0	5	0

Mrs. Ritchie,	Belfast,	..	£0	2	6
John Ritchie, jun.,	"	..	0	2	6
David Ritchie,	"	..	0	2	6
W. Robertson, J.P.,	"	..	1	5	0
Mrs. Russell,	"	..	2	0	0
John Steele,	"	..	0	2	6
Rev. J. C. Street,	"	..	0	10	0
W. R. Stitt,	"	..	0	2	6
John Vinycomb,	"	..	0	2	6
Miss Weir,	"	..	0	2	6
G. W. Wolff,	"	..	1	1	0
James Worthington,	"	..	0	2	6

COUNTRY.

W. A. Adamson,	Carrickfergus,	..	0	2	6
J. E. Adamson,	"	..	0	2	6
W. Larmour,	"	..	0	5	0
James Logan,	"	..	0	2	6
R. M'Gill,	"	..	0	2	6
Rev. J. A. Kelly, Rademon,	"	..	0	2	6
Rev. T. Dunkerley, B.A., Comber,	"	..	0	10	0
J. Milling,	"	..	0	2	6
B. Orr,	"	..	0	2	6
J. Bailie,	Ballee,	..	0	2	6
Rev. J. H. Bibby,	"	..	0	2	6
J. Miniss, J.P., Dromore,	"	..	0	10	0
W. Jardine, Dromore,	"	..	0	5	0
J. Bell, Downpatrick,	"	..	0	2	6
S. C. Nelson, Downpatrick,	"	..	0	5	0
A. Shelley, Templepatrick,	"	..	0	2	6
W. E. Coysh, London,	"	..	0	5	0

COUNTRY FOR 1886.

J. O. Abernethy,	Comber,	..	0	2	6
Alex. Shields,	"	..	0	2	6
T. Andrews,	"	..	0	5	0
P. Simpson,	"	..	0	2	6
J. Milling,	"	..	0	2	6
D. Todd,	"	..	0	2	6
B. Orr,	"	..	0	2	6
A. Shelley, Templepatrick,	"	..	0	2	6
S. C. Nelson,	Downpatrick,	..	0	5	0
J. Bell,	"	..	0	2	6

THE Rev. J. C. Street begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions in aid of the gratuitous publication of the *Chronicle and Index*:—

Mrs. Malcolmson, Belfast,	-	£0	5	0
W. Robertson, J.P., do.,	-	0	5	0
J. Lusk, Glenarm, -	-	0	2	6
J. M. Darbshire, Liverpool,	-	0	5	0
Mrs. Russell, Belfast,	-	1	0	0
A Friend, do., -	-	0	1	3
Mrs. Woolcott Browne, London,		0	5	0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully acknowledged.

THE Treasurer of the Unitarian Society begs to acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions for 1887:—

H. Darbshire, Belfast,	-	-	-	£0	10	0
Rev. J. H. Bibby, Ballee,	-	-	-	0	2	6
James Baillie, do.,	-	-	-	0	2	6
Rev. S. C. Nelson, Downpatrick,	-	-	-	0	5	0
J. Bell, do.,	-	-	-	0	2	6
Miss Johnson, Rademon,	-	-	-	0	3	0

For 1888.

Mrs. Russell, Belfast,	-	-	-	2	0	0
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THE next Sunday School Conference is to be held at Mountpottinger, on Tuesday, May 8th. Tea at 7 o'clock. The Chair will be occupied by the Rev. J. C. Street (Chairman of Sunday School Association). After tea, a paper will be read by the Rev. Walter Reynolds, B.A., on "Systematic Religious Culture for the Young."

Friends from our various congregations are heartily invited to be present.

THE Rev. W. Reynolds, of Mountpottinger, has received and accepted a cordial and unanimous invitation to the pastorate of the church at Ainsworth, in Lancashire. He enters upon his new sphere of work at the end of the present month. He will take with him the cordial good wishes of the many friends he has made on this side of the water.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

THE first meeting of the General Council of Unitarian Society was held on Wednesday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. Mr. J. R. Neill occupied the chair. On the motion of the Rev. J. C. Street, the following Officers and Sunday School Committee were duly elected for the present year:—

President:

ROBERT M'CALMONT, F.C.S.

Vice-Presidents:

W. BENNETT, Solitude, Moneyrea.
 HENRY BURDEN, M.D., Belfast.
 SIR E. P. COWAN, Lord Lieut. of Antrim.
 HERBERT DARBISHIRE, Belfast.
 H. HYNDMAN, LL.D., Belfast.
 J. R. MINISS, J.P., Dromore.
 J. R. NEILL, Belfast.
 REV. S. C. NELSON, M.A., Downpatrick.
 Joseph Nelson, M.D., Belfast.
 W. Robertson, J.P., Belfast.
 W. J. PIRRIE, Belfast.

Sunday School Committee.

MRS. STREET.
MISS COLEMAN.
MISS BARKER.
MISS COB.
MISS DOBBIN.
MISS E. MARTIN.
D. BULMER.
REV. G. BANNISTER.

REV. J. H. BIBBY.
REV. T. DUNKERLEY, B.A.
REV. J. A. KELLY.
REV. A. SHELLEY.
REV. J. C. STREET.
R. M'CALMONT, F.C.S.
REV. A. WILSON.

Other business was also transacted, including various suggestions for the working of the Society during the coming year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the Committee of Unitarian Society was held on Wednesday, April 18th, at 3 p.m.

Mr. T. M'Clelland, J.P., was elected Chairman for the year.

Terms for the transfer of the fixtures, and portions of the Stock in the Depository to Mrs. Stronge were agreed upon, and a strong wish was expressed that she should be successful in her undertaking. It is hoped that all our friends will continue to support her as they have hitherto supported the Depository.

It was agreed to invite our congregations to establish book stalls, and to offer books and tracts to them on sale or return.

It was also decided to offer gratuitously to ministers and laymen tracts and leaflets for circulation.

A special Committee of ministers was appointed to prepare tracts and leaflets for publication.

It was decided to announce books and tracts for sale, and also for free distribution, in the *Chronicle and Index*.

The head quarters of the Society are to be at 16, Queen's Arcade, as usual.

The following gentlemen were in attendance—T. M'Clelland, J.P.; R. M'Calmont, D. Bulmer, J. Ritchie, and the Revs. T. Dunkerley, B.A.; A. H. Shelley, and J. C. Street.

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